

FAQ FOR EXIDE 3/11/14

Exide Technologies recently completed soil sampling in two neighborhoods near its facility in Vernon, CA.

This Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document is intended to answer questions regarding the sampling activities and results. This document will be updated regularly.

Q: What chemicals and metals were sampled?

A: Soil was tested for 24 chemicals and metals including lead and arsenic.

Q: Which chemicals were at elevated levels?

A: Lead is the only chemical that is above screening level that requires additional review.

Q: How were the neighborhoods picked for sampling?

A: The sampling was conducted in accordance with a DTSC approved Work Plan. Soils from the yards of a total of 39 homes were sampled in the area around the Exide Technologies facility. These homes were selected by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) based on their proximity to Exide and on approved air modeling that predicted residential areas that were mostly likely to be impacted by Exide's emissions.

Q: What can I do to reduce my family's exposure to lead?

A: Here are a few suggested ways to reduce your exposure to lead:

- Keep children away from areas of bare soil;
- Always wash children's hands, especially when they enter the home;
- Place doormats inside and outside the doors;
- Thoroughly wash any homegrown vegetables or fruits before eating them;
- Grow vegetables in raised planter boxes.

More information can be found at the Los Angeles Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/lead/>